



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 7351

House of Representatives, April 11, 2007

The Committee on Education reported through REP. FLEISCHMANN of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING TEXTBOOK LOANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-228a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 Each local and regional board of education may, at the request of
4 any nonpublic elementary or secondary school pupil, including a
5 kindergarten pupil, [residing in and] attending a nonpublic school in
6 such district, or at the request of the parent or guardian of such pupil,
7 or at the request of an administrator at the nonpublic school, on behalf
8 of the pupil, arrange for a loan of nonreligious textbooks [currently in
9 use in the public schools of such district] available to the local or
10 regional board of education from a book distributor used by such
11 board to such pupil, free of charge, provided the loan of any such
12 textbook shall be requested for not less than one semester's use.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-228a
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ED *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Various Local and Regional School Districts	Cost	Potential	Potential

Explanation

This bill results in a potential cost to local and regional school districts with nonpublic schools within their district if they choose to lend books to such nonpublic schools. The potential cost is due to allowing books to be lent to students not being from the district but being educated in a nonpublic school within the district.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 7351*****AN ACT CONCERNING TEXTBOOK LOANS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows boards of education to lend textbooks to students attending nonpublic elementary and secondary schools in their districts even if the students do not live in the district, as is required under current law. Additionally, current law allows the loans at the request of the student or parent or guardian; the bill allows nonpublic school administrators to make the request on students' behalf. Finally, the bill eliminates the requirement that the textbooks be currently in use in the district and instead allows a board to lend any non-religious textbook available to it from its book distributor.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/26/2007)